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EVERY ADVERTISEMENT IN THE RECORD IS A MONEY SAVER TO OUR READERS .- DO NOT SKIP THE ADVERTISMENTS

Thursday and Friday, April 24

And Assist in Making Alma the Cleanest Little City in Michigan

The ladies of the Civie Improvement League have designated Thurs day and Friday, April 24th and 25th as clean up days. Teams will be provided and all refuse placed in streets and alleys at that time will be removed. A glimpse of the alleys not only in the residence portion of the city but in the business section as well show the need of this work. In speaking of clean-up day the Owosso Times of last week said in part:

"During the winter it was easier to cart them away. The pile of ashes is not a thing of beauty. Take it away. The sooner it is taken away the sooner will an unpleasant duty be out of the way. During the winter it is easy to toss the discards of life into the back yard and the snow charitably covers them from view. Spring reveals them and strewn around they are not joys to the or-Clean them up early and have them out of the way. During the winter rubbish gathers in the corners and in the cellars, under the counters and in the gutters in the street outside. Get after it with a broom and mop and hoe, if necessary, and put it from view as early as possible. The windows may have been neglected, during the cold weather and dust may have gathered on the shelves-right now is the time to clean up. Cleanliness and neatness are business assets."

Alma has the reputation of being the busiest little city in Michigan. Let us all pull together and by ridthe winter accumulations of filth and debris make 't the cleanest city in the the High school gymnasium. Six of Y. M. C. A.

CHICKEN OWNERS, ATTEN-

Ordinance No. 56.

SECTION 2 .- That no fowls of any kind shall be kept within said forty-five Alma young ladies to serve being compelled to respond with encity of Alma except the same be kept the group and their part of the proin an enclosure, and shall not be per- gram was accomplished in a manner continued cheering which followed mitted to run at large upon any prem- that kept every boy busy for the hour their first numbers. ises within said city. That the en- or more they spent at the table. closure in which the fowls are kept shall not be within fifty feet of any justed their chairs so as to secure a dwelling house or source of water good view of the speakers table, and Baker, after which the banquetters supply from which water is used for listened to the report of the nomindrinking or culinary purposes. That ating committee, which was as folsaid enclosure shall at all times be lows: kept clean and free from filth and unwholesome matter or refuse and all Louis. coops and resting places of all such fowls shall be cleaned and disinfected Alma. at least once in each week.

Continuous complaints are coming aca. to me of violation of the above section of Ordinance No. 56. All complaints made to me will be given attention and owners of said fowls will Smith of this city was introduced as be notified to comply with above ordinance. The penalty for violating Hurst of Ann Arbor had been select- 10:30-10:45-Business session. the ordinance is a fine not exceeding ed for the position but being unable 10:45-11:15-Papers: "How can the one hundred dollars and cost of prosecution, or imprisonment in county jail for a term not exceeding ninety

J. D. HELMAN, City Marshal.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

The Daytona Florida Gazette News of April 5, contained the following item of interest to our citizens:

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Tuttle, of

Alma, Mich,, who have been season guests at the Osborne, Orange avenue, departed Tuesday morning on their return north, stopping enroute at Jacksonville, Atlanta, Chattanooga and Cleveland, Tenn. Mr. Tuttle was quite ill during the first month here, but has steadily improved and goes home feeling very well indeed. They greatly enjoyed their stay in Daytona and at the Osborne and very much regretted leaving, but hope to return next winter. Before departing Mr. Tuttle subscribed for the Gazette-News to keep them in touch with happenings in Daytona and vicinity. Like many other visitors they are enthusiastic over the natural beauty of Daytona. They say they shall miss the singing of the mocking birds, the sound of the surf on the ocean beach and the delight-

ful music of the Saracina band." The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle will be glad to welcome them back to their old home.

Have you seen that new Klosed Krotch Union Suit. Best on the market, at prices that are right. Fred Slater, Men's Wear Store.

CLEAN-UP DAY COMING GRATIOT COUNTY Y. M. C. A. CONFERENCE GROUP TAKEN SATURDAY, APRIL 12 HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT

to dump the ashes in the alley than The above picture shows a group of delegates to the County Y. M. C. A. Conference taken in front of the new high school building. Ten years from now these same young men will be represented in all the active business life of the county.

FIRST ANNUAL BOYS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS the recipient of applianse from the this conference do hereby express three to four hundred young men their hearty appreciation of the work present. The committee had secured did by the boys in securing entertainthe film of the Olympian games and ment and ment

derly soul nor sources of happiness. Largest County Y. M. C. A. Gathering Ever Held in Michigan-444 Fed at Banquet-392 Boys Registered-J. R. Whitney of St. Louis Elected President

Boys' conference for 1913 is now a Green. matter of history, the last session of For men - Dr. M. G. Skinner, sixteen years and over. These meet- the minutes of the conference and the conference being held in the Ithaca. school house auditorium last Sunday evening. Last week, Friday, the Club. bunch began coming and every train from the east, west, north and south Youngs, St. Louis. brought its quota of enthusiastic young men bent on a good time. An ner Schultz, Middleton. interesting program of events had been prepared by the committee. The ding our alleys, yards and streets of first number of which was the banquet planned for Friday evening in Rowe, State County Work Secretary remained throughout the entire ses-

tables running the length of the "The Other Fellow"-J. Q. Van Secretary Bayliss and E. C. Foster of room accommodated the 348 boys. Dis, State Boys' Work Secretary, Y. Detroit. A song service was first on while at a table placed across the end M. C. A. of the room were seated the officers | Every number on the program was of the association and the speakers received with vigorous applause from of the evening.

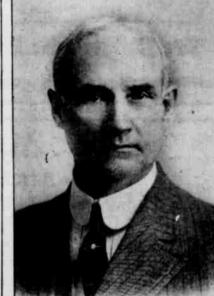
Following the feast, the boys ad-

President-J. R. Whitney, St. Vice President - Merritt Miller, W. Priest.

Secretary - Carleton Spooner, Ith-

Treasurer-Carl Street, Wheeler. The report of the committee was dopted, following which Ezra L toastmaster of the evening. Frank Recess.

EZRA L. SMITH



Mr. Smith was the efficient toastmaster at the Gratiot County Y. M. C. A. Conference Banquet.

to be present Mr. Smith consented to assume the position, and he certainly maintained his reputation not only as an excellent toastmaster, but story teller as well. Following is the program

Address of welcome. Business men of Alma - H. C.

Boys of Alma-Dick Rockwell.

Music - Alma High School Glee the interest manifested by the young local newspapers for publication.

"The Unorganized Field" - Gard-

Violin Solo-Prof. A. L. Barton.

the boys, especially the musical num-It required the combined service of bers, Prof. Barton and the Glee club

dispersed to their homes to secure

9:15-10:15-Group conferences:

High school boys-J. A. Van Dis Grammar school boys-Mr. Runciman of Saginaw.

St. Johns.

standard of-1. Agriculture-Wesley Muscott of

Louis.

4. Religious life-Malcolm Smith of Alma.

Mason, Conference photograph.

Alma High School. Address-Eugene Foster of Detroit. Music-Alma High School Girls'

Address-Mr. Runciman. Music-St, Louis High School Glee

The Gratiot County Y. M. C. A., Response for the boys - George boys sixteen years or under, the other "Be It Further Resolved, That

"The All Round Man"-Howard tion to those who have been active in

Athletics-Coach Bleamaster, Alma.

Before the boys dispersed for the evening a flash-light picture of the group was taken by Photographer needed rest before the program of Saturday, which opened at 8:30 a.m. with a song service, followed by devotional service conducted by Rev. J.

Leaders led by C. L. Rowe.

District school boys-E. T. May of

boys of this conference be of service to the county in raising the

Breckenridge. 2. Social Life-Frank Lee of North

3. Athletics-Dean Burnham of St

11:15-11:30-Address - Rev. W. H.

Following the dinner hour the gymnasium was kept in use by games, efficiency tests, basket-ball, etc., until time for the parade which occurred at 5:00 p. m. when the boys, 288 strong, headed by Superintendent F. E. Ellsworth of the city schools, paraded the principal streets of the city returning down town from the west the boys took to the sidewalk where in lock step and college yells they proceeded to the corner of State and Superior streets where they executed a drill, later dispersing to their several homes for the supper hour. In the evening the auditorium of the school building was used and the following program enjoyed: 7:00-9:30-Music-Girls' Glee Club of

Stereopticon lecture-J. A. Van Dis. have, during the past three days, Clipper. Music-St. Louis High School Glee

Every member on the program was

held, one at the Baptist church for County a great success. at the Methodist church for boys these resolutions shall be spread upor ings were both largely attended and that a copy shall be sent to both the men was a source of great satisfacpromoting the association work in the

At seven o'clock Sunday evening a farewell service was held in th High school auditorium which was "Gratiot's Opportunity" - C. L. largely attended by the boys who had sion. The service was in charge of the program followed by a testimony a result of the conference sessions. Later in the evening, Mr. Foster requested all those who had decided as a result of the conference to lead a better life to stand up. Sixty-eight of in the declamation contest. the young men were on their feet, twenty-four of them members of the Alma High school, certainly a gratifying response to those interested in the welfare of the young men of Gratiot county. The meeting closed by all present joining hands and singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

> At the Sunday evening session the Committee on Resolutions submitted

the following report: "The boys of this conference do not presume to repay the people of Alma for what they have done for us by a mere formal resolution, for we take it that the same motives which have governed them have brought us here and sent us out to raise the standard of life in our country.

"Whereas, The people of Alma

J. R. WHITNEY, ST. LOUIS



Elected president of the Gratiot Co. Whitney of the St. Louis Sugar Co. Mr. Whitney is a young man full of vim and energy and will take an active interest in the work.

opened their homes and public buildings for the benefit of the boys of pleasure and great value to us. "Be It Resolved, That the boys of of schools of East Jordan.

during the afternoon the boys all had, the ladies who served the banquet, the opportunity of viewing them from and the girls who assisted them, the the curtain in the Alma Vaudette, business men who have given so freethere Secretary Ba liss had made by of their time and money, the visitgrangements to have them shown, ing and local speakers and musicians, Sunday morning the boys attended the large number who in various the various churches of the city and ways have contributed to make this in the afternoon two meetings were the first Boys' Conference of Gratiot

Signed) MARK H. McGILL,

Chairman.

Alma Gets Her Share of Oratorical Honors. The sub-district contest consisting

meeting in which those present told Ropids and White Cloud, was held at of the benefits they had received as Big Rapids, Friday evening, April 11. Paul R. Cash, with an oration of "Napoleon Bonaparte," represented Alma in the oratorical and Stanley Stoddard with "A Message to Garcia'

> The contestants in oratory were very evenly matched and it required an hour and a half of the judges time to decide to whom the honors should be given. First place was finally awarded to James Fairman of Big Rapids, whose oration was on the 'Deposition of the Saloon." Upon a basis of zero as perfect, the following is the standing of the contestants:

James Fairman, Big Rapids, 1) Paul R. Cash, Alma..... 19 Lillian Hildreth, St. Louis 16

Howard Hynes, Fremont...... 17 This made a tie for second between Paul Cash and Lillian Hildreth and figuring on a percentage basis it was awarded to the lady,

The declamation contest was wo by Vera Wilkinson of St. Louis, who delivered "Spartacus to the Gladiators," Figuring on the same basis the following is the per cents of the contestants:

Points Vera Wilkinson, St. Louis..... Ruth Tenny, Big Rapids Dean Paul, Fremont..... Stanley Stoddard, Alma....... 12 Blanche Murry, White Cloud 12

COUNTY REMAINS DRY. Vote Was Somewhat Smaller and the Majority is Less.

Montcalm county will remain dry for another two years, the election of 144.

The vote on local option in thi expected to increase their majority over two years ago and the wets hoped to win by getting out their full has been appointed to secure the lovote. The dry vote two years ago was 3,774 and the wet 3,242. Last Monday the dry vote was 3,339 or 335 less than two years ago, while Y. M. C. A. He is the son of J. H. the wet vote was 3,195 or only 47 less than two years ago. These figures show conclusively that the wets got out their full vote while the drys failed to do so, and that the sentiment in the county remains about the same

this conference, and have in every the Reed City Herald, and later su- tion. way made our short stay with them a perintendent of schools of that city, pleasure and great value to us.

Met at Ithaca Last Tuesday and Organized by Electing

Committees Appointed—Helman on Equalization, Sullivan on Claims No. One.

The Gratiot county Board of Suervisors met in their regular spring ssion, Tuesday of this week, and rganized by electing Supervisor red Bradford, of Arcada township, s chairman of the Board. Followng is a list of committees appointed.

Equalization. Gibbs, Helman, Lanshaw, Newton, nglish, Whitman, Newell Bradford

Claims No. 1. Sullivan, Houseman, Case. Claims No. 2.

Wheeler, Evey, Russell. County Officers. Peach, Wright, Whitman,

Ways and Means. Heines, Horton, Parrish. Taxation.

Wright, Heines, Wells. County Buildings. Horton, Ryder, Sullivan.

Roads and Bridges, Newton, Ryder, Wiles,

Drainage. Helman, Haines, Wheeler, Locke.

Fines. Parrish, Mellinger, English.

Salaries. Houseman, Peach, Evey.

Cancellation. Lanshaw, Case, Mellinger, Newton, Newell, Bradford, Gibbs.

NEW ELEVATOR.

Breckenridge is now assured of the new Farmers' elevator, \$17,000 in stock has already been subscribed practical sound argument against this and officers have been elected. The first board of directors elected are as follows: B. L. Case, J. S. Doyle, last Monday giving a dry majority W. Milligan, Alba Sexton, A. L. Giles, J. L. Smith and Frank Howland, At county was something of a surprise the following officers were elected: to both the drys and wets. The drys A. L. Giles, president; F. A. Sexton, a meeting of the Board of Directors vice-president; B. L. Case, secretary cation for the new elevator and operations upon the buildings will be commenced at once.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The next regular teachers' examination will be held at the High March, 1913, and make figures yourschool building, Ithaca, April 24-26. as it was two years ago .- Stanton 1913, beginning at 8:00 a.m., stand- just about the same conclusion as I ard time. Write the Commissioner have. of Schools for Bulletin No. 16 for G. E. Ganiard, formerly editor of general information on this examina-

Breckenridge on business Monday.

Wednesday Evening, April 23, in the High School Auditorium

MR. ALBERT GLOCKZIN, TENOR

Has Been Secured to Assist Miss McGreaham and the Chorus

The Annual Concert given by the theh school Chorus and Glee Clubs, under the direction of Miss Harriet salay evening, April 23rd, in the seard Mr. Albert Glockzin, in the allege chapel in February, will be glad to know that he is the soloist if the evening. Mr. Glockzin has a are tenor of very pleasing quality,

and always delights his audience. As this is the first concert in the new building, the chorus and glee clubs have spared no efforts in preparing a program of unusual merit and entertainment for all. Admission 25 cents, 15 cents for school children.

The entertainment will open romptly at 8:15 and our citizens are irged to be present at that hour. The High school Chorus and Glee Club have made marked advancenent during the past year under the eadership of Miss Mc Greaham, and in unusual musical treat is in store for our citizens on the above mentioned evening. Remember the date.

W. C. T. U. COUNTY CONVEN-TION.

The twenty-eighth annual convenion will be held in the Baptist church, Alma, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29th and 30th. Those who have ever heard Mrs. Calkins will not fail to be there Tuesday night as we know her address will be both en-

tertaining and educational, MRS. MYRTLE YOUNGS. Co. President. MRS. MARY SEAVER, Co Secretary

COMMUNICATION.

Alma, Mich., April 12, 1913. If a set of men should go down to Washington and advocate that it would be for the benefit of the United States as a whole to make laws which would compel our people to buy all of their flour from other countries, how long do you suppose they would be retained in office and how many of our farmers, laborers, or others of our citizens could they make believe such teachings? You say, "This is absurd to talk this way and no such thing was ever done or ever will be done," But hold on a minute before you pass too hasty opinions. This very identical thing is trying to be done by our president and some of the leading men we have sent to Washington to make our laws, only it is being done with another commodity besides flour and that commodity is Standard Granulated Sugar, which is just as essential to the welfare, comfort and being of every man, woman, child and babe of this vast

country of ours as flour. We all know that it would be utterly impossible to talk about us living and enjoying the comforts of life to banish flour from our homes, and it would be equally absurd and uncomfortable to banish sugar from our nomes; in fact, the two articles combined constitute the larger part of our living and they especially enter into all the best life sustaining and delicacies of foods, and it is just as absurd and unreasonable for our lawmakers to legislate in any way which deprives us of producing one of these two articles upon our farms as the other. It seems to me there is no

question. From the best obtainable statistics from the United States Department of Agriculture, it takes 5% bushels of wheat per capita to furnish our flour which we consume yearly.

Now, taking the average price of wheat per bushel for the last ten years and the average price of sugar per pound for the same time, you will find that the dollar's worth of flour consumed per capita would buy each one of us 90 pounds of sugar every year, which is just a trifle more than our present consumption per

Now, dear reader, if you don't believe these statements are correct, just send to Washington and procure the United States Crop Reporter for self and see if you don't arrive at

We certainly conclude that it would be a great drain from our resources Continued on page

Attorney John M. Dunham was in W. A. Whitney was in Merrill Mon-day on business.